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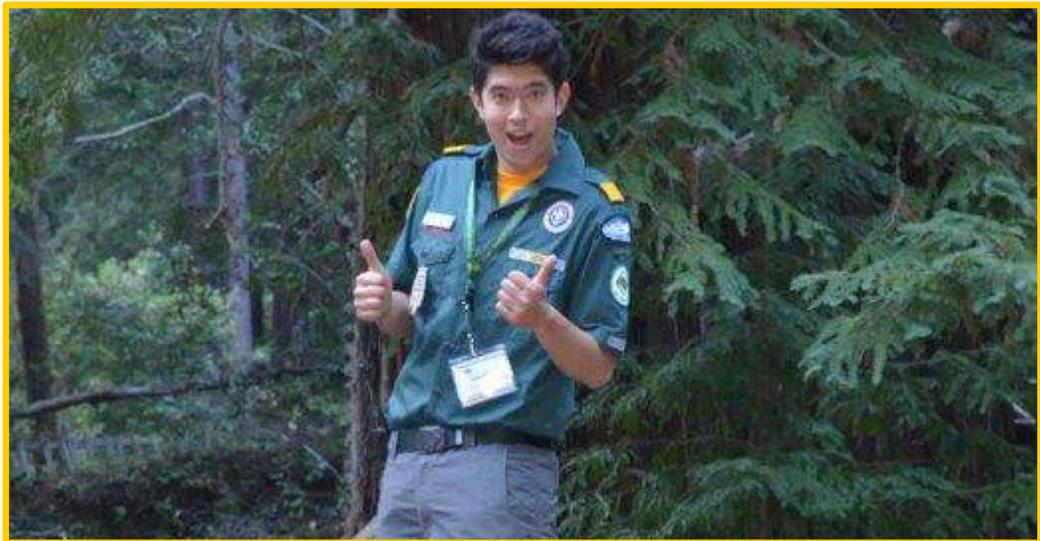
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Area 2 Conference to feature National President!

That’s right folks! The Area 2 Conference will have Venturing National President Edward Abraham in attendance along with other esteemed officers. This will be your chance to meet the man, the myth, the legend!

The Area 2 Conference will be held January 23rd at the University of Michigan. It will be a day long event filled with trainings, fun games, and food. Learn how to plan the perfect outing for your crew, or how the new Venturing program works. We’ll teach you everything you need to succeed in Venturing. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity! Registration will open soon so stay updated!



Thankful for Venturing Day

Join the fun on
#ThankfulForVenturing day with
two easy steps!

- 1. Post on social media why you are #ThankfulForVenturing.**
- 2. Invite at least one non-Scouting friend to like our Central Region Venturing Facebook page.**

From the President

With Thanksgiving around the corner and registration season behind our backs, I thought that I'd give my two cents on why I personally am thankful for Venturing (and why I hope you are too). When I joined the program, it was a natural extension of a long line of Scouting experience. I had grown up with Scouting. Venturing seemed like the next challenge, the next frontier. It was another rung in the ladder. Color me surprised when I encountered the dreaded destroyer of scouts: college. My schooling took me away from the crew that was just about to take off in my home and suddenly I was off the ladder.

But that's not the end of the story (if it was that would pretty disappointing huh?). The Venturing program thrives on peer-to-peer recruiting, and in my absence someone else seized the ladder. My sister took over and made the fledging crew a reality. At first it was strange for me to look on and see the position I had once filled taken by somebody else (let alone being the person who stole my room!). But that weirdness was soon taken over by awe, she blossomed in her new role becoming the strong, reliable, fun leader she is today. Venturing enabled her to grow as well as teaching myself a lesson in humility when she as the Crew President was the one calling the shots not me.

Venturing can open doors. It's unique in that it comes in so many flavors, each crew suiting the tastes of its inhabitants (there's a crew solely dedicated to scuba diving!). Unlike any other program we get to choose how we want it to be. But the unifying factor of each one of the many crews in Venturing is their potential for impact on each of its members, yourself included. For that I am thankful for Venturing.

Sincerely,
Area 2 President P. Jacob Hardy

#BeTheChangeYouWantToSeeInYourCrew



Venturing Kickback Weekend



Hang Out With Friends! Play Board Games! Snowshoeing! Cross Country Skiing! Repelling! Climbing! Ice Fishing! Shooting Sports! And More!

Register now for the Area 2 Fun Event on MCC's website. Early registration ends December 31st so make sure to get a spot for a great weekend for only \$45! This will be the largest Venturing event in Michigan with over 100 Venturers!

Contact Thomas Andrew at tcandrewtommy@gmail.com or Jerry Kiste at jpkiste@yahoo.com for more information or questions.



Featured VOA: Southern Shores FSC

And the VOA President is...

Nobody? Currently the South Shores FSC does not have a Venturing Officers' Association (VOA). This means there are no youth leading the venturing program in the council, but that can change. We are currently looking for interested youth to help us start up the program. Anyone who has a passion for Venturing can help.

The area's goal is that by the spring of 2016 a VOA will be up and running. We will need a youth who is willing to help us plan and organize meetings in order to get it ready when elections can be held. Beyond this, we are interested in an adult who is willing to serve as the VOA advisor. Neither of these jobs would be that time consuming, but they would require commitment to the program.

"But what would the VOA do?" Is a common question that we receive. A VOA helps to connect and develop the crews within it's territory. Lead by the most experienced and dedicated Venturers in the council, it provides training events to help crew presidents and advisors. As well, it can throw fun events such as the Venturing Kickback or something simpler like a barbeque.

If you are interested in helping to form the Southern Shores VOA you can email me at the link below. Help us help you!



Want to get active in your council but don't know how? You can email me, Nick Meier the Area 2 VP of Communications, at nmeier21@gmail.com and I'll help you find the right contacts.



Fall Fun Rally!

The Largest Venturing Event in the Nation!

Looking for some fall fun? Well, the perfect event for you would be Fall Fun Rally in St. Louis, Missouri. It is a region wide event put on by the Greater St. Louis Area Council Venturing Officers' Association. This year there were over 1300 Venturers from all over, making it the largest gathering of Venturers in the US this year. This is the perfect event for anyone because there were so many different things to do; its crazy! This year's theme was Star Wars; last year's theme was Doctor Who. Seriously, there is something for everyone: STEM, scuba, archery, climbing, caving, crate stacking and the food was awesome as well (luckily I caught all my pancakes). Fall Fun Rally is a fun event and a great opportunity to meet other Venturers that enjoy doing Venturing from all over. It was well worth the trip from Michigan and I look forward to going in September of next year. The Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA knows how to show Venturers a good time. Hope to meet you there next year!

Sincerely,
Area 2 VP of Administration Jessica Paling

Post your Venturing stories to
your council FB group at:

Great Lakes –

<https://goo.gl/hCCOR9>

Water and Woods –

<https://goo.gl/4YhP90>

Southern Shores –

<https://goo.gl/05KIs3>

President Gerald R. Ford –

<https://goo.gl/Tg7pIJ>

Area 2 –

<https://goo.gl/611yKM>

Share your stories with
#ThankfulForVenturing



Sash 'N Bash 2



Last year Great Lakes' OA Lodge, Noquet, held a camporee with 2,000 Scouts. Next year we'll be doing it again, but BIGGER. With 7,000 Scouts there is going to be dozens of activities from 24/7 gagaball to a giant inflatable obstacle course; you won't want to miss anything. Also, there will be a concert or "glow party" every night!

You won't want to miss this! The biggest camporee not held by national will be early next August. Get hyped for the Sash 'n Bash! This event is opened to all Venturers, regardless if they are in the OA or not. Save the date: May 19-21 of 2017.



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Meet the Editor

Hello!,

My name is Nick Meier and I'm the Area 2 Vice-President of Communications. I'm very excited to serve this year and can't wait to see y'all at the Venturing Kickback Weekend. I have big plans for this year, but they'll go nowhere without your help. This summer we launched the Area 2 Twitter page that has an astonishing 25 followers. Our goal by the end of the year is to have 200 followers, more than any other Central Region Area Twitter! So even if you don't have a Twitter, follow our page to stay up to date on all things Venturing.

A few other things the area will be doing this year are a promo-video, a brochure, and more. If you have any photos or videos, please feel free to share them with me at nmeier21@gmail.com. I'd love to hear your stories, and maybe, they might get featured in this newsletter. Our newsletters will come out quarterly on the last Sunday. Make sure you tell all your friends about us! And don't forget to follow our twitter!

Yours in Venturing,
Nick Meier
Area 2 VP of Communications

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